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To be honest I was very surprised by the settlement. I do feel it is far from complete. The main reason was the lack of respect they show by continuing thier strong arm tactics while the trial was going on.

The spent 130 million to buy controling interest in Corel, shutdown Corel Linux - changed the charter of the co so they won't start it up again. Sold it for a 65 million loss.

Microsofts defense of this was two fold.

First to blame you - stating the judicial pressure forced them to sell Corel (although that does not explains the changes they forced Corel to make) so they would not control the industry.

Secondly as they lost money how could that have been illegal.

Microsoft has consitantly demonstrated a desire to impeed inovation in this industry unless they have purchased the right to it. They have demonstrated a sever lack of respect for the laws of this nation. They have an insane ego - demonstrated by calling a product of thiers "me". I am a computer repair technician and consitantly see alternatives to microsoft outperform microsoft products, however no one can break the strangle hold they have on things.